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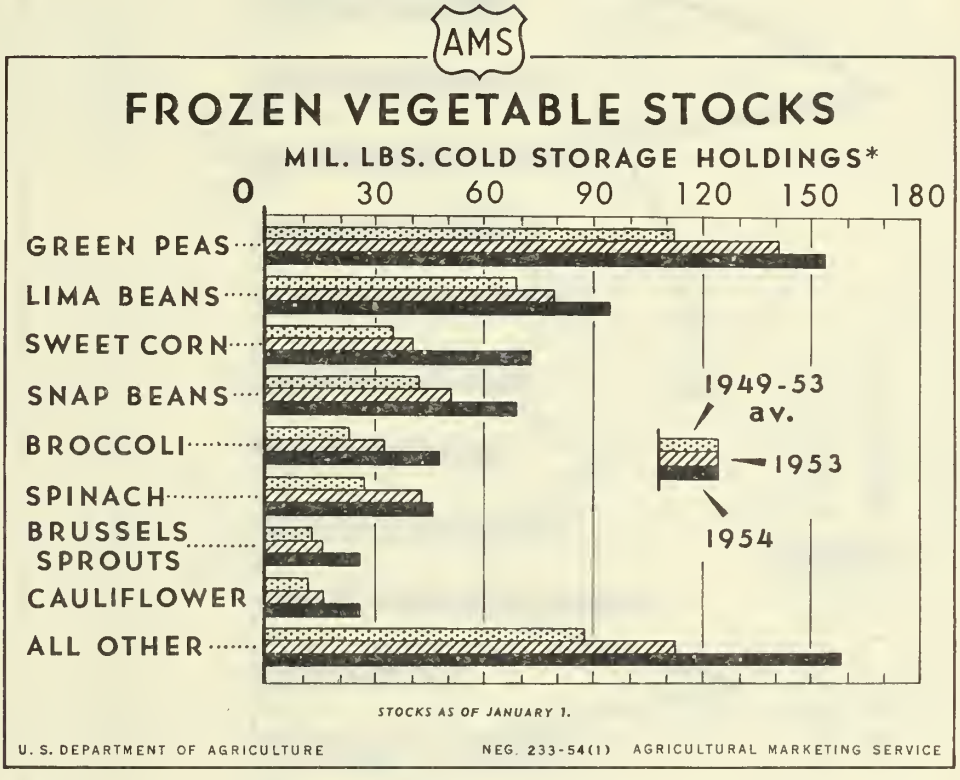

Stocks of frozen vegetables in commercial cold storage as of January 1, 1954 were a record for the date, and considerably above a year earlier. This reflected the record pack of 1953.

Major items continue to be frozen green peas, lima beans, sweet corn, and snap beans. The largest percentage increases over average holdings are shown for cauliflower, broccoli, sweet corn, and Brussels Sprouts.

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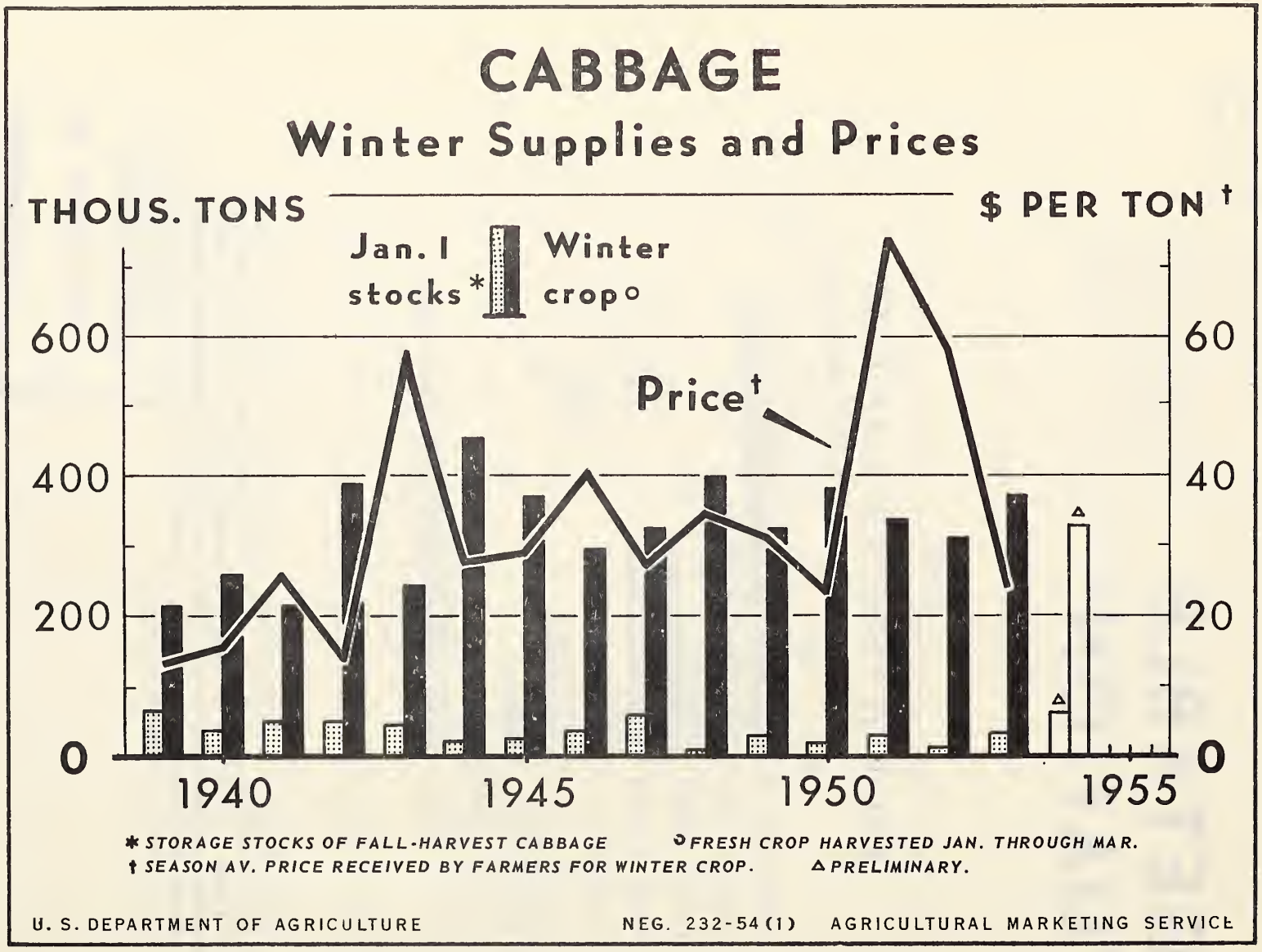

A substantial reduction from last year in the prospective tonnage of fresh cabbage for harvest this winter season is almost completely offset by the increased tonnage of cabbage available from storage according to the January 1 stock report. Carryover stocks this January 1 have been equalled or exceeded only twice before in the 16-year period shown.

With little difference in combined supplies of storage and fresh cabbage available, prices received by farmers for this year's winter crop may not average much higher than a year earlier.

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SUMMARY

Demand for fresh vegetables is expected to continue about as strong in the first quarter of 1954 as in that period of 1953. Changes in prices received by farmers from a year earlier will depend largely upon changes in supplies. During the first quarter of 1954, heavy storage supplies of 1953 crop potatoes, cabbage and onions are indicated. Larger tonnages this winter than last are also expected for sweet corn, lettuce, escarole, cucumbers, tomatoes, beets and artichokes and a few other crops. Smaller winter tonnages are expected for cabbage, carrots, celery, snap beans, shallots, cauliflower, kale, green peppers, and green peas.

With larger stocks of canned and frozen vegetables on hand than a year earlier, commercial canners and freezers may reduce their scale of operations slightly in 1954. Consumption is expected to continue at about the same high level as in 1953.

January 1 merchantable stocks of potatoes, at 120.2 million bushels were 6 percent higher than a year earlier and prices have continued relatively low so far this year. Indications are that production of early commercial potatoes this spring will be down substantially from last year, and will bring higher prices.

The relatively low prices received for 1953 crop potatoes probably will also result in a decreased potato acreage for the late crop in 1954. As of January 1, potato growers' intentions to plant indicated a probable reduction of about 7 percent in acreage in the Intermediate and Late States combined.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

Record Production In 1953
But Value Down From 1952

Production of 28 principal commercial vegetables grown for fresh market totaled 10.1 million tons in 1953, 6 percent larger than in 1952, and 7 percent above the 1949-51 average. The next highest mark was 9.8 million tons in 1950.

Record-large crops in 1953 of cantaloups, celery, sweet corn, lettuce, green peppers and watermelons, together with large increases over 1952 in production of cabbage and onions helped significantly build the record volume in 1953.

The total value of these crops in 1953 was up 11 percent over the 1949-51 average, but was off 11 percent from that of 1952.

In each quarter of the year, production exceeded both 1952 and the 1949-51 average, with increases in the spring and summer quarters most pronounced. Favorable fall weather permitted production to exceed pre-harvest expectations in many States.

The value of commercial truck crops for fresh market in 1953 was down from 1952 in each quarter of the year, and except for the spring quarter was down by a larger percentage than the increase in tonnage produced. In the late spring and early summer of 1953, truck crop prices rose above their seasonal relationship to prices in the rest of the year, due primarily to a temporary slackening in the flow to market. Spring prices for cantaloups and celery were particularly well sustained, despite increased production.

The long growing season in the fall of 1953, together with large supplies of potatoes, onions and cabbage, contributed to a general weakness in vegetable prices that has carried over into the beginning of the current 1954 winter harvest season. Aggregate production of commercial vegetables for fresh market in the fall of 1953 was 1 percent above that in the same months of 1952, while the value marketed was 5 percent below. Value from 1953 fall vegetables not only was lower than in 1952 for the majority of fall crops, but was lower than might have been expected on the basis of the change in production. However, values were above the fall of 1952, in spite of increased production, for lima beans, snap beans, Brussels Sprouts, and fall sweet corn.

About Average Winter Supply

Aggregate production of 20 commercial vegetables for 1954 winter-season fresh market is expected to be 5 percent less than last winter but not much different from the 4-year average 1949-52 Compared with last winter, reduced tonnages are in prospect for winter harvest for cabbage, carrots, celery, snap beans, shallots, cauliflower, kale, green peppers and green peas. Increased tonnages are expected, for

sweet corn, lettuce, escarole, cucumbers, tomatoes, beets and artichokes, with very little change from last winter in lima beans, broccoli, eggplant and spinach. Carryover stocks of onions, cabbage, and potatoes are much larger than a year earlier.

The effects of the mid-January cold spell on production of winter vegetables have not yet been appraised.

Spring Vegetable Guides

Acreages suggested by the Department in spring harvest areas total 7 percent less than spring 1953 acreage for harvest. Suggested increases in late spring snap beans, cucumbers and tomatoes, and spring beets and shallots are more than offset by smaller acreages suggested for early spring cabbage and tomatoes, and spring carrots, lettuce, onions, green peppers, and watermelons. These acreages, if planted, and if yields per acre equal recent averages, would result in an aggregate tonnage 7 percent less than in spring 1953 but slightly more (2 percent) than average for 1947-51. Summer and fall vegetable guides are now being developed.

VEGETABLES FOR COMMERCIAL PROCESSING

Above-Average Production In 1953

The 1953 production of 11 vegetables for commercial canning, freezing, pickling and other processing, excluding dehydration, was 6.55 million tons. This is 2 percent less than the 6.66 million tons in 1952, 9 percent below the record output of 7.22 million tons in 1951, but 16 percent more than the 1942-51 average.

The 1953 crops were record large for lima beans, snap beans and cucumbers for pickles, and above average for beets for canning, cabbage for sauerkraut, sweet corn, green peas, pimientos and tomatoes. Production was below average for only spinach and asparagus, and below 1952 for only asparagus, sweet corn, spinach and tomatoes. The sharp reduction in tomato acreage in 1953 was partly offset by the record yield per acre, so that the crop turned out much larger than earlier indicated. It was about 8 percent under the 1952 crop and about 8 percent larger than average.

Value Of Processing Crops
Same As In 1952

The value of the processing crops produced in 1953 was substantially the same as in 1952, but 29 percent more than the average of 213 million dollars. Season average prices per ton received by farmers in 1953 were slightly higher than in 1952 for lima beans, snap beans, green peas, and pimientos. On the other hand, prices averaged lower than a year earlier for asparagus, beets for canning, cabbage for sauerkraut, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, spinach, and tomatoes.

To a considerable extent, prices for processing crops are established by pre-season contracts between growers and processors which have considerable influence upon acreages planted. In the 1953 season, acreages of processing crops harvested were larger than those in 1952 for each of the 11 crops except tomatoes, spinach, and cucumbers for pickles. Aggregate acreage was only 1 percent under 1952 and 3 percent below the 1942-51 average.

Prospects For 1954 Season

As will be discussed more fully in a later section of this report, supplies of canned and frozen vegetables - the 1953 commercial packs plus carryover stocks - are larger and there is a possibility of slight easing in demand by the time 1954 packs are ready for distribution. This indicates that canners and freezers may be conservative in planning their scale of operations for 1954.

The supply situation and probable demand prospects are being appraised in the Department's Production Guides, which will be available soon.

CANNED VEGETABLES

Incomplete Data
Suggest Larger Supplies Than A Year Earlier

The total pack of canned vegetables in 1953 probably was not much different than in 1952. The slight to considerable increases in most canned vegetables thus far reported or implied by crop production statistics are largely offset by reduced tonnage of canned tomatoes and most tomato products other than juice, sweet corn, pumpkin and squash, asparagus, and probably spinach.

Of the 1953 canned packs reported to date, green peas, tomato juice, and the packed-equivalent of the cucumbers-for-pickles are slightly larger than in 1952. Increases were substantially larger for snap beans, sauerkraut, lima beans, and pimientos, and probably also for beets, sweetpotatoes, and potatoes, not yet reported.

Reports of January 1 stocks of principal canned vegetables in the hands of canners and wholesale distributors probably will be available by early February. Judging from stock data for earlier periods, indications are that current stocks may be slightly to moderately larger than a year earlier for such major items as canned sweet corn, green peas, tomato juice, and snap beans. Stocks are somewhat lower than a year earlier for asparagus, spinach, tomatoes, tomato paste, tomato pulp and puree, and tomato sauce.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

New Record Pack In 1953

Preliminary indications are that the 1953 pack of commercially frozen vegetables was a new high. The National Association of Frozen Food Packers has reported that the 1953 frozen packs of green peas, cut-corn and asparagus set new records and were substantially larger than in 1952. The frozen spinach packed in spring-harvest areas also is considerably larger than in 1952.

Total holdings of frozen vegetables in commercial cold storage were much larger each month in 1953 than for corresponding dates in any prior years. The margin over former years has increased rapidly since July 1, 1953. At the end of 1953, holdings were down from the seasonal peak November 1, but were highest of record for the date. Ranked by tonnage, holdings of frozen peas were largest, followed by lima beans, sweet corn, snap beans, broccoli and spinach.

Holdings of sweet corn showed the largest percentage increase over a year earlier. Next in order were Brussels Sprouts, cauliflower, broccoli, asparagus and snap beans.

Although consumption of frozen vegetables apparently is still on a sharp upward trend, the increase in the packs of asparagus, peas and cut corn in 1953 have been greater than the probable increase in consumption in the current year. The larger pack of frozen asparagus may be at least partly offset by the smaller pack of canned asparagus. Presumably the increased frozen pea pack will have to depend upon further displacement of fresh market peas. The increase in frozen cut-corn appears more than enough to offset the slight decrease in pack of canned corn.

POTATOES

Potato Stocks Up 6 Percent From Year Earlier

Prices received by farmers for potatoes declined sharply in the spring of 1953 when the crop from the Early States began moving to market. The crop of 65.5 million bushels was 25 percent larger than in 1952 and 6 percent above average. Marketings from the Early States carried over into later months of the year and prices did not recover even though the crop in Intermediate States was of only moderate size. Marketings from the Late and Intermediate States to January 1, 1954 were about the same as those for the same period a year earlier, despite the larger crop in 1953.

The carryover of 120.2 million bushels of merchantable potato stocks January 1, 1954 was 6.7 million bushels or 6 percent larger than stocks a year earlier. The increase in stocks was largest in

the 9 eastern Late States (3.7 million bushels), next largest in the central Late States (2 million), and only 0.8 million bushels in the western Late States. Prices on a geographical basis have tended to reflect the relative stocks, with prices least depressed in the western Late States.

Smaller 1954 Early Commercial Crop In Prospect

The winter-season early crop, from parts of Texas and Florida is indicated to be down about 1 million bushels, or one-fourth, from last year. However, the crop in this area only amounts to one or two percent of the annual supply. Prospective acreage in areas for early spring harvest are substantially below last year and average. These areas also produce a relatively minor part of the annual total.

Beginning with late-spring harvest, the new crop will provide a substantial part of the market supply. Last year, the crop in these areas was 47.3 million bushels compared with the average of about 39.7 million bushels. The prospective acreage this year is 22 percent less than acreage harvested in 1953. The largest portion of the late spring crop is produced in California, where the prospective acreage decline is 25 percent. If such acreages are planted and if yields per acre by States approximate those in 1953, the Late Spring crop will be below average. Such a reduction would tend to raise potato prices.

Furthermore, a reduced Late Spring crop would provide a better market for potatoes from Intermediate States than prevailed last year.

Lower Acreage Probable In Late And Intermediate Potato States This Year

The sharp decline in prices received for the 1953 potato crop probably will induce many growers to cut acreage this year somewhat below acreage planted last year. Tentative intentions of potato growers as indicated on the January 1 stocks report point to an acreage in the Late and Intermediate States, 7 percent under 1953. Plantings are expected to be down 10 percent in the eastern Late States, 5 percent in the central Late group, 2 percent in the western Late States and 15 percent in the Intermediate States.

If the Early Commercial and Late groups of States each produce 15 to 20 million bushels less potatoes than in 1953, prices to growers this year would average far better than the 92.6 cents per bushel average received (preliminary) for the 1953 crop.

Lower Acreage Would Reduce Seed Use

If acreage of potatoes planted in 1954 is substantially below 1953, it would probably mean a smaller outlet for certified seed potatoes. Production of certified seed potatoes has for several years

including 1953 far exceeded the quantity needed to plant the entire acreage. The 1953 certified crop (44.6 million bushels) was 4 percent larger than in 1952 and 15 percent above the 1942-51 average. Record production was 51.1 million bushels in 1950.

Leading varieties produced in 1953, in descending order of volumne of production were: Katahdin, Cobbler, Russet Burbank, Red Pontiac, White Rose, Triumph, Kennebec, Chippewa, Green Mountain and Sebago. These varieties accounted for 91 percent of the 1953 total production of certified seed.

SWEETPOTATOES

1953 Crop Almost One-Fifth Larger Than Small 1952 Crop

The 1953 sweetpotato crop of 33,974,000 bushels was 19 percent larger than the small 1952 crop, but 37 percent smaller than the 1942-51 average. The larger crop was the result of an 11 percent increased average yield per acre on a total acreage 8 percent larger than in 1952.

Prices Relatively High, Though Lower Than Last Year

The preliminary estimate of the season average price received by farmers for 1953 crop sweetpotatoes is $2.61 per bushel. Although this is well below the record $3.38 received for the 1952 crop and the $3.05 received for the 1951 crop, it is higher than prices in any other year. No particular marketing difficulty has been evident this season.

Compared with earlier periods, production of sweetpotatoes in recent years has tended to be sustained in areas producing relatively large quantities for commercial sale but has declined in areas producing primarily for home use.

Consumption Per Capita On Lower Level Than Formerly

Consumption of sweetpotatoes per capita is substantially lower than before the war. It is partly due to increased off-farm employment and higher income in the South which has resulted in smaller consumption of home produced foods. Therefore, an effort to return completely to former levels of production probably would flood the commercial market and result in very low prices.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS

Demand Continues Strong For Near-Average Crop

The 1953 dry bean crop of 16,761,000 bags (100 pounds, cleaned basis) was 12 percent larger than the 1952 crop and slightly larger than the 1942-51 average of 16,478,000 bags. Peak production of 20 million bags occurred in 1949. (This does not include mung beans, of which 6.5 million pounds were produced in 1953, and only 0.6 million pounds in 1952. The average for 1942-51 is 11.4 million pounds).

The 10 percent increase in dry bean acreage planted for 1953 over 1952 broke the downward trend in acreage since 1948. Except for 1952, the 1953 acreage was the smallest since 1923. The 1953 average yield of 1,296 pounds (uncleaned) per acre slightly exceeded the previous record of 1952 and was considerably higher than the 10-year average of 1,007 pounds.

Production By Classes

Record large production of 4.8 million bags of Pinto beans put this class in the lead in 1953. The crop was nearly one-third more than the 3.6 million bag crop of Pea beans, second largest class. In 1952 the positions of these 2 classes were reversed. Next in order of production in 1953 were Great Northern, Red Kidneys, and Large (Standard) Limas.

Continued Strong Demand For Beans In 1954

In general, demand for dry beans is expected to continue strong through the 1953-54 marketing year with total disappearance somewhat in excess of the quantity produced in 1953. Prices are expected to continue near the level received for the 1952 crop.

The most likely exception is Pinto beans. The 51 percent increase in production from 1952 to 1953, may result in some difficulty in marketing unless heavy exports to Mexico are made. The preliminary estimate of the season average price to farmers for the 1953 crop for all dry beans is $8.48 per cwt (cleaned), slightly under the $8.67 received for the 1952 crop.

Significant Acreage Expansion Held Likely In 1954

Dry bean acreage probably will expand in 1954 over 1953. The 1953 season was generally encouraging to growers with relatively high prices, high yields and generally good harvesting weather. Restrictions on acreage of alternative crops in some areas also may stimulate some increase in beans. Stocks are now unusually low.

DRY FIELD PEAS

1953 Crop Still "Small" Historically Despite Big Increase Over 1952

As a result of a 24 percent increase in acreage harvested over 1952, and slightly higher yields, the 1953 dry pea crop was 25 percent larger than the 1952 crop and slightly larger than the 1949 and 1950 crops. Otherwise, however, the 1953 crop was the smallest crop since 1940.

The 1953 crop, on a cleaned basis, is 2,974,000 bags. The 1942-51 average was 5,472,000 bags; however, this average includes the World War II and postwar years when special demands for dry peas were abnormally large, particularly for relief feeding programs abroad.

Seed-Use Takes Much Of The Pea Crop

Utilization data for dry peas are quite incomplete but estimates over a period of years indicate that civilian food use of dry peas in this country is in the neighborhood of two-thirds to three-fourths of a pound per capita annually. In recent years, this has accounted for about a million bags of the annual crop.

A somewhat larger quantity is used as seed to plant not only the crop to be harvested as dry peas but also the important crops harvested green for canning, freezing, and sale on the fresh market.

Official data on carryover stocks of dry peas are not available. Indications are, however, that stocks were very low at the beginning of the 1953 crop marketing year. Part of the increased supply available from the 1953 crop probably will be used to increase stocks.

Prices Well Sustained

The season average price received by farmers for the 1952 crop dry peas in the 9 States was $5.25 per cwt., cleaned basis. It is expected that the season average price for the 1953 crop will be somewhat lower. As of mid-December 1953, the United States average price received by farmers for dry peas was $5.58 per cwt., compared with $6.04 a year earlier.

Prices received by farmers for dry field peas of the 1953 crop were higher than those received for the 1952 crop only in Washington and Oregon. They were substantially lower in Minnesota, North Dakota, Colorado, California and slightly lower in Wyoming. No change from the 1952 crop price level is indicated for Montana and Idaho.

Washington and Idaho produced about 85 percent of the 1953 dry pea crop in the 9 States for which estimates are made.

Table 1.- Vegetables for fresh market and potatoes for marketing in early 1954: Commercial acreage, yield per acre, and production of principal crops, average 1949-52, annual 1953, indicated 1954

Crop and seasonal group	Acreage			Unit	Yield per acre			Production		
	Average 1949-52	1953	Indicated 1954		Average 1949-52	1953	Indicated 1954	Average 1949-52	1953	Indicated 1954
	Acres	Acres	Acres					1,000 units	1,000 units	1,000 units
WINTER										
Artichokes	7,320	8,600	9,000	Box	96	100	100	706	860	900
Beans, lima	850	500	450	Bushel	95	70	90	82	35	40
Beans, snap	31,450	22,300	24,000	Bushel	96	115	95	3,025	2,564	2,280
Beets	5,550	5,500	6,500	Bushel	128	150	140	702	825	910
Broccoli	9,120	7,750	8,000	Crate	99	105	103	915	817	827
Cabbage 1/	46,580	50,600	46,800	Ton	7.41	7.49	6.99	338.4	378.8	327.2
Carrots	42,460	40,500	37,200	Bushel	250	259	238	10,313	10,497	8,835
Cauliflower	3,490	3,950	4,150	Crate	270	268	235	943	1,060	976
Celery	9,730	10,200	9,800	Crate	668	734	700	6,527	7,491	6,862
Corn, sweet	3,180	7,500	12,500	5-doz. ears	124	140	125	385	1,050	1,562
Cucumbers	1,500	2,300	3,000	Bushel	165	120	125	274	276	375
Eggplant	710	800	800	Bushel	418	385	400	300	308	320
Escarole	4,020	4,000	4,600	Bushel	488	490	475	1,980	1,960	2,185
Kale	2,850	3,200	3,000	Bushel	401	400	400	1,145	1,280	1,200
Lettuce	59,480	62,300	60,300	Crate	170	173	184	10,006	10,769	11,103
Peas, green	3,010	1,500	1,000	Bushel	56	60	60	160	90	60
Peppers, green	3,400	4,200	4,100	Bushel	446	355	350	1,491	1,491	1,435
Shallots	3,000	3,500	2,500	Barrel	26	29	26	80	102	65
Spinach	26,170	20,500	20,500	Bushel	166	188	189	4,290	3,857	3,869
Tomatoes	13,650	13,700	15,000	Bushel	195	180	170	2,665	2,466	2,550
Total winter	277,520	273,400	273,200	Ton	5.2	5.7	5.4	1,452.8	1,560.1	1,474.3
EARLY SPRING										
Asparagus 1/	70,680	69,200	2/75,000	Crate	78	72	---	5,468	4,983	---
Cabbage 1/	20,720	21,800	21,100	Ton	6.14	6.67	---	125.5	145.3	---
Onions	31,780	46,600	39,500	Sack	124	120	---	3,212	5,592	---
MID-SPRING										
Asparagus 1/	10,710	11,230	2/11,300	Crate	108	110	---	1,162	1,238	---
LATE SPRING										
Asparagus 1/	49,510	54,770	2/56,400	Crate	83	71	---	4,020	3,869	---
Onions	17,660	18,200	2/16,500	Sack	249	314	---	4,321	5,712	---
Watermelons	72,120	101,400	102,000	Melon	340	318	---	24,542	32,265	---
Total spring to date:										
Acreage 3/	275,180	324,900	323,800	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Reported to date for 1954 with comparisons 4/										
Acreage 3/	552,700	598,300	323,800		---	---	---	---	---	---
Total for past seasons 4/										
Annual total	2,179,530	2,237,250	---	Ton	4.5	4.6	---	9,747	10,403	---
	(1943-52)				(1943-52)			(1943-52)		
POTATOES (Commercial early)										
Winter	10,990	15,700	12,100	Bushel	189	256	250	2,042	4,021	3,023
Early spring	25,390	26,700	2/22,270	Bushel	152	233	---	3,667	6,228	---
Late spring	163,920	165,400	2/128,800	Bushel	250	286	---	39,683	47,333	---
Summer	105,100	68,800	---	Bushel	200	215	---	21,040	14,805	---
Total to date	305,400	276,600	---	Bushel	225	262	---	66,432	72,387	---

1/ Includes acreage and production for processing.
2/ Prospective.
3/ Includes spring shallots.
4/ Includes asparagus used for processing and cabbage used for sauerkraut.

Table 2.- Vegetables, fresh, potatoes and sweetpotatoes: Unloads at 17 markets, indicated periods in 1953, with comparisons 1/
(Expressed in carlot equivalents)

Commodity	1952								1953							
	September				October				June				July			
	Rail, boat and air	Truck	Imports	Total	Rail, boat and air	Truck	Imports	Total	Rail, boat and air	Truck	Imports	Total	Rail, boat and air	Truck	Imports	Total
Asparagus	---	1	---	1	---	738	---	738	---	602	---	602	---	39	---	39
Beans, lima, snap and fava	---	1,550	---	1,550	34	1,195	---	1,229	60	1,357	---	1,417	8	1,574	---	1,582
Beets	---	300	---	300	---	253	---	253	7	287	---	294	---	310	---	310
Broccoli	64	103	---	167	145	236	---	381	40	96	---	136	22	85	---	107
Brussels Sprouts	17	73	---	90	35	151	---	186	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cabbage	88	1,753	---	1,841	122	1,900	---	2,022	136	1,973	13	2,122	26	1,980	8	2,014
Cantaloups and other melons 2/	2,917	1,396	1	4,314	1,534	564	1	2,099	3,404	854	34	4,292	5,391	1,803	---	7,194
Carrots	810	526	---	1,336	953	826	1	1,780	1,185	388	---	1,573	959	477	---	1,436
Cauliflower	127	1,060	23	1,210	76	1,762	2	1,840	78	576	8	662	49	359	---	408
Celery	483	1,317	5	1,805	705	1,392	---	2,097	1,167	1,060	---	2,227	822	1,524	2	2,348
Corn	48	2,147	---	2,195	92	483	---	575	652	1,382	---	2,034	259	2,472	2	2,733
Cucumbers	88	872	---	960	89	788	---	877	105	1,423	1	1,529	36	1,599	11	1,646
Escarole and endive	6	288	---	294	16	319	---	335	31	272	---	303	9	308	---	317
Lettuce and romaine	2,448	1,944	5	4,397	2,631	1,811	---	4,442	2,088	3,841	29	5,958	2,175	3,559	96	5,830
Onions, dry	847	1,374	43	2,264	1,250	1,225	10	2,485	1,484	820	53	2,357	980	1,294	60	2,334
Onions, green	---	263	3	266	8	267	6	281	---	364	---	364	---	418	---	418
Peas, green	75	39	---	114	62	24	---	86	162	142	---	304	128	103	2	233
Peppers	11	947	1	959	99	894	6	999	196	550	15	761	91	977	1	1,069
Spinach	48	312	---	360	20	485	---	505	1	532	---	533	9	333	---	342
Other cooking greens	---	528	---	528	3	655	---	658	1	570	---	571	---	428	---	428
Squash	1	684	3	688	22	991	6	1,019	6	535	4	545	4	500	4	508
Tomatoes	861	3,284	2	4,147	1,625	2,054	4	3,683	1,606	2,632	2	4,240	446	4,399	62	4,907
Turnips and rutabagas	20	159	150	329	23	280	309	612	9	168	29	206	5	136	2	143
Watermelons	35	1,066	3	1,104	1	100	---	101	4,376	3,720	7	8,103	3,931	5,805	---	9,736
Other vegetables (including mixed)	270	1,188	97	1,555	415	1,274	76	1,765	304	1,516	44	1,864	190	1,190	29	1,409
Total above	9,264	23,144	336	32,744	9,960	20,667	421	31,048	17,098	25,660	239	42,997	15,540	31,672	279	47,491
Potatoes	4,574	5,282	8	9,864	6,053	4,550	43	10,646	7,084	5,210	9	12,303	5,561	5,581	---	11,142
Sweetpotatoes	55	934	---	989	83	1,266	---	1,349	21	219	---	240	10	195	---	205
GRAND TOTAL	13,893	29,360	344	43,597	16,096	26,483	464	43,043	24,203	31,089	248	55,540	21,111	37,448	279	58,838

Commodity	1953							
	August				September				October			
	Rail, boat and air	Truck	Imports	Total	Rail, boat and air	Truck	Imports	Total	Rail, boat and air	Truck	Imports	Total
Asparagus	---	1	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	3
Beans, lima, snap and fava	2	1,450	---	1,452	9	1,310	---	1,319	82	1,410	1	1,493
Beets	---	245	---	245	---	240	---	240	---	234	---	234
Broccoli	31	94	---	125	52	106	---	158	118	273	---	391
Brussels Sprouts	---	13	---	13	12	49	---	61	23	82	---	105
Cabbage	23	1,757	---	1,780	46	1,791	---	1,837	75	1,738	---	1,813
Cantaloups and other melons 2/	3,934	1,651	4	5,589	3,419	1,283	---	4,702	1,186	536	6	1,728
Carrots	686	529	---	1,215	610	625	---	1,235	820	874	---	1,694
Cauliflower	110	466	---	576	128	1,161	---	1,289	56	1,630	---	1,686
Celery	511	1,418	2	1,931	603	1,347	---	1,950	712	1,376	---	2,088
Corn	19	2,997	9	3,025	77	2,161	---	2,238	178	459	---	637
Cucumbers	16	1,313	---	1,329	84	758	---	842	79	696	---	775
Escarole and endive	1	298	---	299	3	303	---	306	11	359	---	370
Lettuce and romaine	2,315	2,319	82	4,716	2,692	1,854	9	4,555	2,237	2,286	---	4,523
Onions, dry	517	1,405	73	1,995	606	1,582	18	2,206	531	1,439	1	1,971
Onions, green	1	297	---	298	---	264	1	265	---	241	7	248
Peas, green	80	36	---	116	78	29	---	107	35	18	---	53
Peppers	14	865	3	882	25	963	3	991	197	763	1	961
Spinach	34	202	1	237	30	288	---	318	12	408	---	420
Other cooking greens	2	440	---	442	1	518	---	519	---	584	---	584
Squash	---	557	5	562	1	619	4	624	---	962	4	966
Tomatoes	253	3,951	127	4,331	896	3,268	2	4,166	1,532	2,093	---	3,625
Turnips and rutabagas	---	143	59	202	5	149	137	291	52	180	235	467
Watermelons	1,525	5,119	---	6,644	174	2,257	---	2,431	5	175	---	180
Other vegetables (including mixed)	197	1,236	61	1,494	349	1,099	141	1,569	502	1,143	100	1,745
Total above	10,271	28,802	426	39,499	9,900	24,024	295	34,219	8,443	19,962	355	28,760
Potatoes	4,176	5,148	1	9,325	4,556	4,767	57	9,380	5,404	4,582	32	10,018
Sweetpotatoes	38	555	---	593	55	1,065	---	1,120	62	1,292	---	1,354
GRAND TOTAL	14,485	34,505	427	49,417	14,511	29,856	352	44,719	13,909	25,836	387	40,132

1/ Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Oakland (California), Portland (Oregon), Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington, D. C.

2/ Except watermelons.

Compiled from reports of the Market News Division, Production and Marketing Administration.

Table 3.- Vegetables for fresh market: Commercial acreage, production and season average price per unit received by farmers, for principal crops, average 1949-51, annual 1952 and 1953

Crop	Acreage			Unit	Production			Price per unit		
	Average 1949-51	1952	1953		Average 1949-51	1952	1953	Average 1949-51	1952	1953
	Acres	Acres	Acres		1,000 units	1,000 units	1,000 units	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Artichokes	7,070	8,100	8,600	Box	658	850	860	3.98	3.50	3.60
Asparagus	39,780	43,750	45,960	Crate	3,670	3,811	3,836	3.88	4.03	3.86
Beans, lima	22,550	19,400	18,500	Bushel	1,760	1,573	1,433	2.38	2.94	2.82
Beans, snap	184,290	166,000	158,620	Bushel	19,005	16,783	17,486	2.29	2.75	2.71
Beets	9,500	6,730	8,290	Bushel	1,723	1,406	1,612	1.23	1.57	1.38
Broccoli 2/	38,100	42,900	44,050	Crate	4,195	5,433	5,299	3.74	3.59	3.25
Brussels sprouts 2/	5,670	4,850	5,900	Ton	23.2	20.9	26.1	204.30	213.21	207.47
Cabbage 3/	154,340	130,950	151,780	Ton	1,215.3	1,079.1	1,228.4	36.58	57.62	31.70
Cantaloups 4/	128,570	121,450	140,820	Crate	13,999	13,669	15,673	2.93	3.63	3.65
Carrots 2/	87,470	80,760	81,990	Bushel	30,037	31,037	31,230	1.49	1.52	1.69
Cauliflower 2/	31,970	29,830	29,650	Crate	12,668	12,771	12,678	1.23	1.38	1.21
Celery 2/	37,120	37,200	36,650	Crate	22,347	23,766	23,917	2.30	2.45	2.24
Corn, sweet	214,670	222,900	215,700	5-dozen ears	22,323	23,474	23,963	1.59	1.83	1.94
Cucumbers	49,220	48,050	48,800	Bushel	6,905	7,452	7,387	2.27	2.65	2.83
Eggplant	5,220	5,300	4,500	Bushel	1,397	1,651	1,333	1.56	1.60	1.63
Escarole	3,770	4,800	4,000	Bushel	1,840	2,400	1,960	1.23	1.25	1.15
Garlic	2,700	2,050	1,450	Sack	150	124	87	8.98	16.02	14.60
Honey Balls	750	250	150	Crate	100	20	15	3.72	5.25	5.00
Honey Dews	9,620	9,500	10,700	Crate	2,798	3,072	3,449	1.89	2.31	2.12
Kale	2,900	2,700	3,200	Bushel	1,171	1,066	1,280	.62	.95	.50
Lettuce	211,160	215,000	209,920	Crate	36,337	39,912	40,095	3.25	3.15	3.05
Onions 3/	120,130	116,800	132,070	Sack	41,316	39,804	49,425	1.34	2.31	.79
Peas, green	25,590	16,780	12,570	Bushel	2,559	1,857	1,345	2.17	2.04	2.43
Peppers, green	39,120	37,700	40,710	Bushel	9,150	9,498	9,875	1.90	2.50	2.18
Shallots	4,670	6,000	5,200	Barrel	116	198	158	7.66	6.06	9.83
Spinach	51,400	46,060	40,940	Bushel	11,739	10,738	10,104	1.07	1.19	1.10
Tomatoes	234,930	229,450	235,560	Bushel	33,781	34,500	34,024	3.28	4.02	3.75
Watermelons 5/	370,130	361,200	434,650	Melon	97,680	98,188	108,469	326.00	447.00	401.00
Total	2,092,380	2,016,460	2,130,930	Ton	9,435.7	9,496.0	10,097.6	72.15	89.31	74.52

1/ Ten-year averages not available as estimates are not available for all States for all years.
2/ Includes some quantities used for processing.
3/ Includes production used for dehydration.
4/ Includes Casabas, Persians, and other muskmelons.
5/ Price based on 1,000 melons.

Table 4.- Truck crops: Representative prices (l.c.l. sales) at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when available), indicated periods, 1953-54, with comparisons

Market, commodity, and State of origin	Unit	1952-53		1953-54			
		Dec. 15	Jan. 13	Oct. 13	Nov. 17	Dec. 15	Jan. 12
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
NEW YORK							
Beans, snap, green, Florida	Bushel	5.54	5.75	1/3.22	3.00	3.47	5.36
Beets, bunched, Texas	½ WGA crate	3.35	3.00	---	---	3.25	3.00
Broccoli, California	Pony crate	6.25	5.25	6.00	7.00	5.03	5.55
Cabbage, Domestic, Round type, Florida	1-3/4 bushel crate	---	1.86	---	---	2/1.27	2.37
Cabbage, Danish type, New York	50-lb. sack	1.18	.94	---	.80	1.03	.86
Carrots, bunched, California	WGA crate	7.91	6.08	6.65	7.57	6.52	6.08
Carrots, topped, New York	Bushel	3/1.75	1.50	1.25	1.60	1.12	1.12
Cauliflower, California	Pony crate	---	3.37	---	---	---	3.29
Cauliflower, Long Island, New York	L.I. crate	2.39	---	---	2.70	2.11	---
Celery, Golden Heart, Florida	16-inch crt.	---	3.02	---	---	---	3.00
Celery, Golden Heart, California	½ crate	---	---	---	5.22	4.97	---
Celery, Pascal, California	16-inch crt.	4.36	3.84	4.25	3.60	3.54	4.60
Cucumbers, Florida	Bushel	5.30	9.50	4/3.63	5.20	2.77	8.58
Eggplant, Florida	Bushel	3.25	2.25	3.12	4.41	2.54	3.00
Escarole, Florida	1-1/9 bu.crt	5/1.60	5/1.67	---	1.39	1.60	1.88
Lettuce, Iceberg type, California	2-doz.carton	6/7.25	6/6.00	4.26	2.75	2.63	4.43
Onions, Sweet Spanish, Idaho 2/	50-lb. sack	3.42	3.98	1.90	1.93	1.88	1.87
Onions, yellow, New York	50-lb. sack	3.13	3.48	.84	1.10	.98	.91
Peas, green, California	Bushel	8/6.75	8/7.40	6.00	5.25	5.15	8/6.50
Peppers, green, Florida	Bushel	9/5.85	5.00	3/2.00	1/2.25	9/5.87	7.88
Spinach, Savoy type, various States	Bushel	2.00	1.89	.83	.75	1.05	2.19
Tomatoes, green, ripes and turning, Calif.	6X6 & larger lug box	---	---	4.12	4.92	---	---
Tomatoes, Florida	6X6,60-lb.crt	15.16	9.55	---	---	11.70	8.75
CHICAGO							
Beans, snap, green, Florida	Bushel	6.25	7.25	10/3.50	4.15	11/3.25	5.75
Beets, bunched, Texas	½ WGA crate	2.75	2.50	---	---	---	2.35
Broccoli, California	Pony crate	6.00	5.00	---	6.00	4.25	5.00

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Table 4.- Truck crops: Representative prices (l.c.l. sales) at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when available), indicated periods, 1953-54, with comparisons - Continued

Market, commodity, and State of origin	Unit	1952-53		1953-54			
		Dec. 16	Jan. 13	Oct. 13	Nov. 17	Dec. 15	Jan. 12
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
CHICAGO(continued)							
Cabbage, Domestic Round type, Illinois	50-60 pound crate	---	---	1.40	1.25	---	---
Cabbage, Danish type, Wisconsin	50-pound sack	1.15	.85	---	---	.95	.85
Carrots, bunched, California	WGA crate	6.50	5.25	4.90	6.75	5.75	5.25
Carrots, topped, Ill.	50-lb. sack	1.35	1.40	---	.90	.80	.85
Cauliflower, Calif.	Pony crate	---	3.00	---	---	---	2.80
Celery, Golden Heart, Florida	16-inch crt.	4.25	4.25	---	---	---	3.00
Celery, Pascal, Calif.	16-inch crt.	4.00	3.75	3.85	3.65	3.10	3.75
Cucumbers, Florida	Bushel	5.75	10.75	12/4.25	5.50	3.60	8.25
Eggplant, Florida	Bushel	3.00	2.50	10/.90	3.85	2.60	3.90
Lettuce, Iceberg type, California	WGA crate, 4 doz.heads	6/5.75	4.75	6.25	5.25	6/4.25	8.30
Onions, Sweet Spanish, California and Idaho 7/	50-lb. sack	2.90	4.05	1.50	1.60	1.45	1.60
Onions, yellow, Globe, Midwestern	50-lb. sack	2.75	3.05	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.05
Peas, green, California	Bushel	---	---	5.50	4.75	4.00	---
Peppers, green, Texas	Bushel	4.75	13/5.25	---	3.75	6.00	13/8.50
Spinach, flat type, Texas	Bushel	1.70	1.50	10/.85	10/.85	1.50	2.20
Tomatoes, green, ripes and turning, Calif.	6X6 & larger lug box	---	---	3.75	4.00	---	---
Tomatoes, Texas	6X6 larger lug box	5.25	---	---	---	6.00	---

1/ Virginia.
2/ North Carolina.
3/ New Jersey.
4/ South Carolina.
5/ Bushel.
6/ Arizona, WGA. crate, 4 dozen.
7/ 3-inch minimum.
8/ Mexico.
9/ Texas.
10/ Illinois
11/ Fair quality.
12/ Louisiana.
13/ Florida.

Prices submitted for Tuesday of each week by Market News representative to the Fruit and Vegetable Division of AMS.

Table 5.- Vegetables for commercial processing: Acreage, production, and season average price per ton received by farmers, average 1942-51, annual 1952-53

Crop	Harvested acreage			Production			Price per ton		
	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	Av. 1942-51	1952	1953
	Acres	Acres	Acres	1,000 tons	1,000 tons	1,000 tons	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Asparagus	78,240	88,710	89,240	96.1	96.8	93.8	174.40	209.40	202.50
Beans, lima 1/	80,370	94,000	109,190	57.8	89.8	105.9	129.60	148.40	153.00
Beans, snap	129,630	114,420	137,520	232.2	238.1	298.6	104.60	120.20	122.80
Beets	16,570	15,100	16,420	141.9	124.9	154.1	20.00	21.90	19.50
Cabbage for kraut	17,260	16,430	17,080	175.5	177.3	211.9	13.80	19.90	13.50
Corn, sweet 2/	467,290	489,000	501,840	1,181.1	1,526.1	1,504.7	19.60	23.90	23.30
Cucumbers for pickles	116,610	150,890	150,720	219.3	331.7	332.3	55.40	64.80	64.50
Peas, green 1/	431,480	425,400	430,640	432.2	432.4	461.5	83.40	90.50	94.20
Pimientos 3/	15,210	15,290	25,900	17.4	12.4	32.5	61.20	80.00	100.00
Spinach	40,870	30,040	27,640	115.7	111.0	108.1	47.00	44.00	38.10
Tomatoes	469,200	376,100	292,300	2,993.0	3,523.4	3,241.8	26.90	29.10	27.50
Total	1,862,730	1,815,380	1,798,490	5,662.2	6,663.9	6,545.2	---	---	---

1/ Production and price on a "shelled" basis. 2/ Corn in the husk. 3/ Georgia plus acreage contracted in other States by Georgia processors.

Table 6.- Frozen vegetables: Cold-storage holdings, December 31, 1953, with comparisons

Commodity	Dec. Average 1948-52	1952 Dec. 31	1953 Aug. 31	1953 Sept. 30	1953 Oct. 31	1953 Nov. 30	1953 Dec. 31 1/
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Asparagus	9,411	11,216	22,718	21,214	19,177	17,569	15,639
Beans, lima	69,040	79,021	40,003	101,841	111,960	105,053	94,084
Beans, snap	42,041	51,784	70,177	82,059	83,426	75,325	69,257
Broccoli	23,223	33,935	30,084	35,314	44,155	46,950	48,179
Brussels sprouts	13,124	16,237	4,618	6,126	11,503	18,721	26,065
Cauliflower	12,041	15,977	10,765	11,948	19,419	24,177	25,135
Corn, sweet	35,622	40,694	33,880	72,037	87,448	81,652	73,044
Peas, green	112,074	141,091	230,560	224,559	202,376	176,956	154,830
Pumpkin and squash	9,350	14,463	7,281	7,163	12,187	14,079	12,455
Spinach	27,666	43,395	58,575	52,871	51,875	48,383	46,048
Other vegetables	68,662	87,120	64,940	73,221	93,901	113,244	130,452
Total	422,254	534,933	573,601	688,353	737,427	722,109	695,188

1/ Preliminary.

Table 7.- Canned vegetables: United States commercial packs 1952 and 1953 and canners' and wholesale distributors' stocks indicated periods in 1953, with comparisons

Commodity	Packs		Stocks					
			Canners' stocks			Wholesale distributors' stocks 1/		
	1952	1953	Date	1952	1953	Date	1952 2/	1953
	1,000 cases 24/2's	1,000 cases 24/2's		1,000 cases 24/2's	1,000 cases 24/2's		1,000 cases 24/2's	1,000 cases 24/2's
Major commodities								
Beans, snap	16,346	22,611	July 1	2,307	303	Nov. 1	3,236	3,333
Corn, sweet	32,329	30,982	Dec. 1	19,016	22,778	"	4,981	3,997
Peas, green	26,509	28,037	"	14,884	17,020	"	5,088	3,950
Tomatoes	27,981	22,334	"	15,735	15,958	"	5,548	4,168
Tomato and comb. veg. juices	35,807	37,754	"	24,692	28,720	"	4,721	4,199
Total	138,972	141,718	---	76,634	84,779	"	23,574	19,647
Minor commodities								
Asparagus	4,354	4,018	Dec. 1	1/2,048	1/1,215	July 1	737	716
Beans, lima	2,316	3,085	Aug. 1	622	193	"	651	561
Beets	6,693	N.A.	July 1	1/1,796	1/1,321	"	1,010	928
Carrots	2,775	N.A.	"	1/210	1/551	"	396	476
Pickles	3/22,500	3/22,600				---	---	---
Pumpkin and squash	5,408	1/2,983	Dec. 1	1/2,101	1/2,247	Jan. 1	825	1,032
Sauerkraut	3/9,580	3/11,450	Aug. 1	4/1,473	4/1,626	"	984	976
Potatoes	1/2,575	N.A.		---	---		---	---
Sweetpotatoes	4,993	N.A.		---	---	Jan. 1	633	880
Spinach	6,114	N.A.	Mar. 1	5/774	5/863	Jan. 1	1,004	889
Other greens	2,867	N.A.					---	---
Tomato catsup and chili sauce	1/15,271	1/14,970	Dec. 1	1/2,746	1/2,553	July 1	1,306	1,158
Tomato paste	5/8,366	5/6,454	"	5/5,634	5/3,931		---	---
Tomato pulp and puree	4,684	N.A.	"	5/2,755	5/1,801	Jan. 1	1,332	1,070
Tomato sauce	5/8,446	5/5,012	"	5/7,117	5/5,112	"	626	580
Vegetables, mixed	1/3,226	N.A.		---	---	---	---	---
Total, comparable minor items	76,241	70,572		37,276	31,398		9,504	9,266
Grand total, comparable items	215,213	212,290		61,968	60,118		33,078	28,913

1/ Converted from actual cases to standard cases of 24 No. 2 cans by S&HR Branch of AMS. 2/ Distributors' stock data prior to November 1952 computed by applying to the comparable dates for 1953 the percentage changes determined by the Bureau of the Census. 3/ Crop for processing converted to a canned basis by applying an overall conversion factor (pickles 68 and sauerkraut 54 cases equivalent to 1 ton fresh). 4/ Reported in barrels; converted to standard cases of 24 No. 2 cans using 14 cases to the barrel. 5/ California only. Converted by S&HR Branch of AMS from data supplied in actual cases by the Canners League of California.

Canners' stock and pack data from National Canners Association, unless otherwise noted. Wholesale distributors' stocks from United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Table 8.- Average prices received by farmers, United States for potatoes, sweetpotatoes, dry edible beans, dry field peas, and truck crops, December 15, 1953, with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	1952	1953			
		Dec. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 15
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Field crops						
Potatoes	Bushel	1.99	0.989	0.897	0.916	0.825
Sweetpotatoes	Bushel	3.62	2.64	2.33	2.32	2.46
Beans, dry, edible	Cwt.	8.37	8.35	8.37	8.49	8.11
Peas, dry, field	Cwt.	6.04	4.97	5.03	5.62	5.58
		Average first half of month				
		Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Truck crops						
Artichokes	Box	5.00	3.20	2.25	3.20	3.75
Beans, lima	Bushel	4.65	2.40	3.05	2.30	4.00
Beans, snap	Bushel	3.35	2.45	2.35	2.65	2.40
Beets	Bushel	.85	1.50	1.05	1.35	1.00
Broccoli	Crate	2.95	3.80	3.95	3.65	3.45
Cabbage	Ton	32.30	36.30	35.90	28.10	18.30
Carrots	Bushel	2.35	1.90	1.65	2.10	2.15
Cauliflower	Crate	1.40	1.30	1.25	1.25	1.00
Celery	Crate	2.40	2.00	1.95	2.15	1.85
Corn, sweet	5-dozen ears	3.25	1.45	1.65	2.15	2.80
Cucumbers	Bushel	2.40	2.45	2.25	3.95	1.85
Eggplant	Bushel	1.55	.65	1.50	2.80	2.00
Lettuce	Crate	3.20	2.85	3.50	3.10	2.50
Onions	Sack	2.35	.60	.60	.60	.65
Peas, green	Bushel	1/3.00	1.95	3.45	3.40	3.30
Peppers, green	Bushel	3.95	1.10	1.25	1.70	4.60
Spinach	Bushel	1.55	1.25	1.05	.95	1.10
Tomatoes	Bushel	5.60	2.35	2.90	3.75	5.10

1/ November 16-30. No sales estimated December 1-15.

Table 9.- Peas, dry, field: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1942-51, annual 1952 and 1953 1/

State	Harvested acreage			Yield per acre			Production 2/		
	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	Average 1942-51	1952	1953
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags
Minnesota	3/4	3	4	3/930	1,200	1,150	3/39	36	46
North Dakota	3/10	3	5	3/1,060	700	1,400	3/109	21	70
Montana	24	5	6	1,200	1,400	1,120	276	70	67
Idaho	136	62	90	1,286	1,400	1,275	1,758	868	1,148
Wyoming	3	7	6	1,157	2,130	1,600	30	149	96
Colorado	18	8	6	908	1,000	1,100	163	80	66
Washington	235	110	125	1,321	1,100	1,300	3,136	1,210	1,625
Oregon	27	8	14	1,224	1,150	1,100	346	92	154
California	3/16	5	6	3/1,049	1,680	1,300	3/167	84	78
Total	471	211	262	1,264	1,237	1,279	5,998	2,610	3,350

1/ In commercial producing States. Includes peas grown for seed and cannery peas harvested dry. 2/ Bags of 100 pounds uncleaned peas. 3/ Short-time average.

Table 10.- Potatoes: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1942-51, annual 1952 and 1953

Group of States	Harvested acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	Av. 1942-51	1952	1953	Average 1942-51	1952	1953
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Early									
13 States	426.5	253.7	305.5	153	207	215	61,755	52,448	65,548
Intermediate									
7 States	204.8	106.6	105.3	148	132	169	28,922	14,059	17,759
Late									
9 Eastern	527.6	367.3	370.1	252	293	300	127,025	107,779	110,858
9 Central	656.0	323.5	352.5	137	184	181	82,652	59,560	63,834
11 Western	450.3	350.8	374.9	250	328	309	110,654	115,252	115,712
Total									
29 States	1,634.0	1,041.6	1,097.5	207	271	265	320,330	282,591	290,404
36 Late and Intermediate	1,838.7	1,148.2	1,202.8	200	258	256	349,252	296,650	308,163
TOTAL U. S.	2,265.2	1,401.9	1,508.3	191	249	248	411,007	349,098	373,711

Table 11.- Potatoes: F.O.B. prices, New York and Chicago wholesale market prices, indicated periods 1953-54 with comparisons

Location and variety	1952-53			1953-54			
	Week ended						
	Nov. 15	Dec. 13	Jan. 17	Oct. 17	Nov. 14	Dec. 12	Jan. 16
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
F.O.B. SHIPPING POINTS							
New Crop							
Lake Okeechobee Section, Florida, Triumph (50 pound sack) 1/	---	---	3.00	---	---	---	2.16
Old crop							
San Luis Valley, Colorado, Red McClure 1/	3.59	3.26	3.59	2/1.89	2/1.86	2/1.60	2/1.50
Idaho Falls, Russet Burbank 1/ 2/	3/3.93	3/3.70	3/3.94	2.12	2.25	1.82	1.79
Connecticut River Valley Points, Connecticut, U. S. No. 1 4/	3.72	5/3.50	3.37	---	1.25	1.20	1.15
Aroostook County, Maine, Katahdin 2/ 5/	3.68	3.32	3.19	6/1.12	6/1.04	.82	.92
Riverhead, Long Island, and nearby points 4/	4.31	3.82	---	1.46	1.44	1.28	---
Rochester, West and Central New York 4/	4.12	3.73	5/3.56	1.59	1.61	1.37	1.30

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Table 11.- Potatoes: F.O.B. prices, New York and Chicago wholesale market prices, indicated periods 1953-54 with comparisons

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Location and variety	1952-53			1953-54			
	Week ended						
	Nov. 15	Dec. 13	Jan. 17	Oct. 17	Nov. 14	Dec. 12	Jan. 16
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
F.O.B. SHIPPING POINTS							
Old crop (continued)							
Lancaster-Allentown Section:							
Pennsylvania, Katahdin,							
U. S. No. 1	4.18	3.72	3.68	1.69	1.64	1.44	5/1.36
West Michigan points, Round:							
White, U. S. No. 1 1/	4.12	---	3.58	6/1.52	6/1.56	6/1.36	6/1.42
Wisconsin points, Madison,							
Wisconsin 1/ 4/	4.05	3.50	3.36	1.51	1.68	1.50	1.38
Yakima, Washington, Russet							
Burbank, 1/ 2/	---	---	3.84	2.05	2.05	---	1.98

	Tuesday nearest mid-month						
	Nov. 18	Dec. 16	Jan. 13	Oct. 1	Nov. 17	Dec. 15	Jan. 12
TERMINAL MARKETS							
NEW YORK							
Katahdin, Long Island	4.87	---	---	1.91	1.90	1.78	1.77
Katahdin, Maine	---	4.39	4.25	---	---	1.81	1.78
Russet Burbank, Idaho 1/	5.92	5.80	6.00	4.57	4.28	4.25	4.25
CHICAGO							
Round Red, Midwestern	---	---	---	2.25	2.35	2.10	2.40
Russet Burbank, Idaho 1/	5.15	4.67	5.27	3.70	3.50	3.50	3.40

1/ Washed.
2/ 2 inch minimum.
3/ 1-7/8 inch minimum.
4/ Various varieties.
5/ Delivered sales shipping point basis.
6/ 50 pound price doubled.

F.O.B. prices are simple averages of the mid-point of the range of daily prices and are compiled from Market News Reports of AMS. Market prices are submitted Tuesday of each week by Market News representatives.

Table 12.- Sweetpotatoes: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1942-51, annual 1952 and 1953

Group and State	Harvested acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	Average 1942-51	1952	1953
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Central Atlantic 1/	47.9	36.6	40.4	132	141	162	6,317	5,160	6,531
Lower Atlantic 2/	192.1	96.0	110.0	91	87	94	17,576	8,310	10,288
South Central 3/	319.2	176.7	183.2	88	75	85	28,028	13,280	15,520
North Central 4/	12.5	5.5	5.1	99	88	62	1,237	482	315
California	11.0	10.0	11.0	108	130	120	1,172	1,300	1,320
Total, United States	583.3	324.8	349.7	94	88	97	54,331	28,532	33,974

1/ New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia.
2/ North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.
3/ Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.
4/ Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

Table 13.- Sweetpotatoes: F.O.B. prices at Southern Louisiana points and representative market prices (l.c.l. sales) at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1, when available), indicated periods, 1953-54

Location and variety	Week ended						
	1952-53			1953-54			
	Nov. 15	Dec. 13	Jan. 17	Oct. 17	Nov. 14	Dec. 12	Jan. 16
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
F.O.B. Shipping Points							
Southern Louisiana points							
Porto Rican 1/	4.25	5.53	5.50	2.90	3.08	3.98	3.04
	Tuesday nearest mid-month						
	Nov. 18	Dec. 16	Jan. 13	Oct. 13	Nov. 17	Dec. 15	Jan. 12
Terminal Markets							
NEW YORK							
Jersey type, New Jersey	2/5.02	2/5.25	2/5.25	---	3.40	2.97	3.18
Porto Rican, North Carolina	---	6.50	6.05	3.49	3.53	3.86	3.98
CHICAGO							
Porto Rican, Louisiana 1/	5.25	6.15	6.25	3.60	3.90	4.55	3.60

1/ 50-pound crate.
2/ Golden type.
F.O.B. prices are simple averages of the mid-point of the range of daily prices. Market prices are for Tuesday of each week and are submitted by Market News representatives to Fruit and Vegetable section of AMS.

Table 14.- Beans, dry, edible: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1942-51, annual 1952 and 1953

Group of States	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	Average 1942-51	1952	1953
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/
Maine, New York, Michigan 2/	641	488	513	915	1,106	1,077	5,845	5,397	5,523
Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Washington 3/	322	246	312	1,517	1,826	1,809	4,864	4,492	5,643
Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah 4/	483	232	290	551	875	868	2,592	2,031	2,518
California:									
Standard lima	83	81	68	1,464	1,856	1,857	1,197	1,503	1,263
Baby lima	72	28	36	1,518	1,707	1,950	1,096	478	702
Other 5/	189	186	179	1,200	1,255	1,377	2,281	2,334	2,465
TOTAL, UNITED STATES	1,791	1,261	1,398	1,007	1,287	1,296	17,876	16,235	18,114

1/ Bags of 100 pounds, uncleaned beans; includes beans for seed.
2/ Largely pea beans, but most important source also of Red Kidney, Yelloweye, and Cranberry.
3/ Largely Great Northern, but Idaho also is the most important source of Small Reds.
4/ Largely Pinto beans.
5/ Mostly Blackeye, Small White, and Pink.

Table 15.- Beans, dry, edible: Production in selected areas, by major types, United States, crop years 1952 and 1953

Type	Michigan		Idaho and others 1/		Colorado and others 2/		New York and Maine		California		Total	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	1,000 bags 3/		1,000 bags 3/		1,000 bags 3/		1,000 bags 3/		1,000 bags 3/		1,000 bags 3/	
Pea (Navy)	3,202	3,454	57	19	---	---	153	157	---	---	3,412	3,630
Great Northern	---	---	1,927	1,834	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,927	1,834
Pinto	---	---	1,203	2,358	1,937	2,385	---	---	28	50	3,168	4,793
Red Kidney	92	90	---	---	---	---	1,153	1,062	176	138	1,421	1,290
Standard lima	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,360	1,137	1,360	1,137
Baby lima	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	430	639	430	639
Other varieties	180	206	923	910	10	7	300	294	1,879	2,021	3,292	3,438
Total	3,474	3,750	4,110	5,121	1,947	2,392	1,606	1,513	3,873	3,985	15,010	16,761

1/ Includes Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Washington.
2/ Includes New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.
3/ Bags of 100 pounds, cleaned basis.

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